Acquisition of land by DDA

*270. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land acquired by the DDA during the last 10 years in Delhi and the total amount paid as cost of for the same; and

(b) the purpose for which the land was utilised and the total amount realised therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) In Delhi, land is acquired by Delhi Administration for the planned development of Delhi by the Delhi Development Authority. According to D.D.A. land placed at its disposal during the last 10 years was around 25,150 acres. Compensation paid by the Delhi Administration was approximately Rs. 339 crores.

(b) Such land is utilised for various purposes as envisaged in the Master Plan, Zonal Development Plans etc. This includes schemes such as residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, infrastructural, J. J. R. and green. Realisation by D.D.A. for the years 1979-80 to 1988-89 on account of disposal of such land was of the order of Rs. 522 crores.

Crash programme for rural employment

*271. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a crash programme for rural employment in the country;

(b) whether Government have received reports from the State Governments with regard to employment to be generated during 1990-91 and thereafter; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the estimated expenditure on this programme?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c) The Government have not worked out a crash programme for rural employment in the country. However, the Finance Minister, in his Budget speech for the year 1990-91, has announced that a beginning of an Employment Guarantee Scheme will be made for the drought-prone areas and areas with acute problem of rural unemployment in selected areas of the country.

2. The Government has not received reports from the State Governments with regard to employment to be generated during 1990-91.

3. Details of the proposed Employment Guarantee scheme including estimated expenditure are being worked out.

Charter of demands submitted by the National Students Organisation for the blind

*272. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Students' Organisation for the Blind has recently submitted a charter of demands to the Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, the details of their demands and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The Ministry of Welfare has received a charter of demands from the National Students' Organisation for the Blind addressed to the Home Minister.

(b) The charter of demands and Government's reaction thereto is given in the Statement attached (*See* below).

Statement

Charater of demands submitted by the National Students' Organisation for the blind

The charter of demands submitted by National Students' Organisation for the Blind, New Delhi are as under:—

1. 3 per cent reservation for Blinds in A & B Group Job.

2. 3 per cent reservation for Blinds in Lectureship in the Universities.

3. 3 per cent reservation for the Blinds in Lectureship in the University of Delhi.

NOTES:—There are 7500 teachers in Delhi University but till now 8 candidates have been accommodated. In the name of selection committee, they recruit their own candidates politically.

4. Reservation already provided in C & D Group should be implemented honestly.

5. Blinds should be given adequate representation in the Parliament and Legislative Assemblies like SC/ST in our country.

NOTES:—President should appoint a Blind representative in the Rajya Sabha Similarly, Governors of States should appoint a Blind candidate in the Legislative Councils.

6. Islam Committee Report for the Physically Handicapped should be put before on the floor of the House in the coming Budget Session.

7. Residential facilities should be provided to the Blind persons.

8. Problems facing by the Blind persons should be properly highlighted on T.V. and by the All India Radio.

NOTES:—T. V. and Radio have been neglecting the problems of blinds face in day to day life.

9. Braille Press should be instituted in each State.

10. Correct figures of Blinds should be properly recorded by the Government.

11. Rehabilitation Centres should be opened for the Blind in the Villages and Small Towns.

The position on demands is as under:—

1. Government of India have reserved 1 per cent vacancies in Group C and D posts in Central Government Offices and Central Public Sector Undertakings for the blind. Regarding Reservation in Group A and B posts for handicapped, including the blind, the matter is under consideration of the Department of Personnel and Training in consultation with UPSC.

2. There is no reservation at present for physically handicapped in the post of Lecturer which falls with in the category of Group A.

3. The question of reservation in Group A and B posts is presently under consideration of the Government of India. Only when a decision in the matter is finally taken, will the question of reservation in the posts of Lecturers in the University of Delhi and other Universities arise.

4. In order to clear the bucklog of vacancies against Group C and D posts in Central Government Ministries/Departments and Central Public Sector Undertakings, a special recruitment drive has been launched. The first phase of the recruitment for filling up the vacancies in Group C and D posts in offices within Delhi has been completed. The second phase for filling in the vacancies in offices outside Delhi is under way.

5. This is a policy issue which is presently not under consideration of the Government.

6. The Baharul Islam Committee's recommendations for bringing about a legislation for the welfare of the Handicapped is presently under active consideration of the Government. An assurance has already been given in Parliament that a comprehensive proposal of legislation for the welfare of the handicapped would be introduced.

7. Residential facilities are being provided by various institutions to blind persons.

8. Public awareness programmes regarding problems, prevention, education and rehabilitation of handicapped are highlighted through the mass media like TV and Radio etc.

9. The Ministry does not have any scheme for providing Braille presses which can be set up in various States by the State Governments.

10. The National Sample Survey Organisation conducted a comprehensive survey regarding prevalence of disability during 1981 in which the blind population in the country was also assessed. The Organisation has been asked to conduct another survey in 1991.

11. Ministry of Welfare have set up 11 District Rehabilitation Centres on pilot basis to provide comprehensive services for the disabled including the blind in rural areas. During the year 1990-91 a new scheme is proposed to be started under which assistance shall be given to voluntary organisations working for the welfare of the handicapped including the blind in rural areas to expand their activities in the area of early detection, intervention, educational and therapeutical services. A number of organisations like the National Association for the Blind, the Blind Men's Association, Ahmedabad, etc. are carrying on rehabilitation programmes for the rural blind in different States. Some of these programmes are also being assisted by the Ministry of Welfare through its grant-in-aid scheme to voluntary organisations. These organisations are also receiving assistance from other sources.

Grant for the Development of Madras City

*273. SHRI T. R. BALU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu have requested the Central Government for a grant for the development of Madras city in commemoration of its 300 years; and

(b) if so, the amount granted for the said purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A request of this nature was received from the Government of Tamil Nadu in 1987. This request was examined and the State Government were advised to include the development schemes for the Corporation of Madras in their Eighth Five Year Plan proposals. The State Government have, however, again renewed their request on 15-3-1990.

Amendment of the working Journalists' Act

*274. SHRIMATH VEENA VERMA KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Working Journalists' Act to ensure the implementation of the Wage Board recommendations and if so, what are the main proposals for amendment; and

(b) whether Government are considering any penal provisions also ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b). There are no proposals presently under consideration to amend the Act.

Involvement of Public and the private sectors for New Employment opportunities for Youth

*275. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to involve both the public sector and the private sector in programmes for